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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF-AEROPERU

1. AFTER SPEECH TO NATION ON MARCH 3 (REPORTED SEPTTEL).
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GEN. RAUL MENESES
ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM PRESS AND, INTER ALIA, TOUCHED ON
BRANIFF-AEROPERU. HE NOTED THAT GOP POLICY OF "RECIPROCITY"
IS SIMILAR TO POLICY OF USG IN ITS DEALINGS WITH AIRLINES
OF OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS, HE SAID, ARGENTINA AND
BRAZIL. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE
SOLVED, BUT ADDED THAT "IF BRANIFF DOESN'T WISH TO COME TO
PERU ANYMORE, THERE ARE OTHER AMERICAN AIRLINE COMPANIES
THAT WE ARE SURE WOULD DESIRE TO DO SO. (NOTE: THIS
SENTENCE APPEARED ONLY IN THE OFFICIAL GOP GAZETTE
" PERUANO.") BUT IN THE EVENT THAT THE UNITED STATES,
REACTING FAVORABLY TO BRANIFF'S REQUEST, SHOULD SUSPEND
AEROPERU'S FLIGHTS TO MIAMI, YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT
AT THAT SAME MOMENT WE WILL NOT PERMIT THE ENTRY OF
ANY AMERICAN COMMERCIAL AIRLINE." (COMMENT: THIS
STATEMENT APPEARS TO SHOW CONTINUED LACK OF UNDERSTAND-
ING OF PROBLEM, PERHAPS INTENTIONAL, ON PART OF GOP,
I.E., THEIR BELIEF THAT BRANIFF IS ASKING USG TO SUSPEND
AERIOPERU'S FLIGHTS. ALSO INTERESTING IS REFERENCE TO
"COMMERCIAL" AIRLINES, HINTING THAT MILITARY FLIGHTS,
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OR FIRST AND SECOND FREEDOMS, MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY

ANY CESSATION OF CIVILIAN AIRLINE SERVICES.)

2. MENESES NOTED THAT WHEN AEROPERU STARTED FLYING INTERNATIONALLY, GOP DECIDED "TO READJUST THE OPERATING PERMITS OF THE FOREIGN AIRLINES TO PERMIT OUR AIRLINE TO PARTICIPATE EQUALLY IN THE AIR TRAFFIC, THEREBY BREAKING THE DOMINATION OF THE FOREIGN AIRLINES." HE SAID THAT AGREEMENTS HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED BETWEEN GOP AND KLM, CANADIAN PACIFIC AND LUFTHANSA AND THAT "WE ARE FINISHING UP THE DISCUSSIONS WITH BRANIFF AND CONTINUING (DISCUSSIONS) WITH THE OTHERS" AND NOTED THAT BY MID-YEAR EVERYTHING WILL BE IN ORDER. HE ENDED BY STATING THAT ALL AIRLINES WILL RESPECT GOP'S RULES OR THEY WILL NOT OPERATE IN PERU.
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